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13.3 The tension member according to claim 11¹, wherein the spacing elements are provided with recesses, which recesses are adapted to the cross-sectional form of the adjacent strands.

14.4 The tension member according to claims 13³, wherein the spacing elements are equipped with complementary locking elements or their adjoining surfaces.

15.5 The tension member according to claim 11¹, wherein at least one of the spacing elements comprises a material having buoyancy in water.

16.6 The tension member according to claim 11¹, wherein the spacing elements consist of PVC.

17.7 The tension member according to claim 11¹, wherein the spacing elements consist of a material having buoyancy in water.

18.8 The tension member according to claim 11¹, wherein the filaments are wound at a maximum pitch corresponding to the circumference of a drum onto which the strands are to be coiled.

19.9 The tension member according to claim 11¹, wherein the strands are wound at a maximum pitch corresponding to the circumference of a drum onto which the tension member is to be coiled.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination of the above-identified patent application in light of the present Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above-noted Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the present application.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any deficiency in fees in connection with the subject patent application to our Deposit Account No. 23-0920.

Claims 1-10 were pending prior to this Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled.